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1. The Barisan Banteng Republik Indonesia* has set up a new governing council as a result of the death of Dr. Muwardi, founder and former chairman of the council. The new council is headed by:

Chairman
Deputy ChairmanImam Sutardjo
Chairul Saleh*

2. From 1942 to 1945 Sutardjo was editor of the Asia Raya and also commandant of a battalion of the Barisan Pelopor (Indonesian youths trained to assist the Japanese) in Sawahbesar, Batavia. Sutardjo was decorated for his services to the Japanese by SHIMOTSU Hitoshi in August 1944.
3. From October until December 1945 he led night attacks on the Seaforth Highlanders' patrols in Sawahbesar, Drossaersweg and Kebondjeruk. In late December, Sutardjo and Muwardi fled to Solo.
4. In Solo, Sutardjo reorganized the remains of the Barisan Pelopor Djakarta Raya into the Barisan Banteng. Muwardi was made chairman and Sudiro, deputy chairman. Sudiro is the present deputy resident commissioner of Solo. Supeno was chief of staff and Sutardjo was in charge of intelligence. Supeno is believed to have been killed in Solo in June 1948.
5. Sutardjo has also become leader of the Banteng (Buffaloes) and has made Abdulrahman Jusuf his chief of intelligence. Abdulrahman is the son of Mohammed Jusuf, formerly a pre-war Japanese espionage agent at Kramat, Batavia. Sutardjo is also editor of the extreme nationalist organ, Pacific, which is published in Solo. He maintains contact with G. Hartasudarmo, inspector of the Indonesian civil police at Gang Arab No. 2, Batavia Centrum.

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* [REDACTED] Comment. For other information on the Barisan Banteng Republik Indonesia see [REDACTED] contains information concerning Chairul Saleh.

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